

THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FASCIST POLICE, COURTS AND THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED !!!

* Uphold the just stand taken by Martin Bracey, a black Canadian and communist revolutionary, in denouncing the racism and fascism of the Anglo-Canadian colonial courts, October 18th and 19th, 1971 *

On October 19th, 1971, Martin Bracey was sentenced by Judge Kenneth MacKay to two years in prison for "contempt of court".

Martin Bracey was arrested at SGWU on February 11th, 1969, along with 86 other black and white students. They had dared to take a just stand against the racism, lies and treacheries practices against the black students by the SGWU administration. Since that time Martin Bracey has tirelessly adhered to principle and has indomitably fought against racial discrimination and political repression. Because of this, he has been repeatedly arrested, beaten and verbally insulted. He has never flinched, not even for one instant, and has always upheld the dignity of the black people. Martin's struggle is part of the overall struggle of the national minority people against racism and repression and his heroic action on October 18th and 19th are a glorious banner for all progressive people to follow.

On October 18th, Martin Bracey refused to bow down and "plead" his case. Standing upright he denounced the racism of SGWU and its collusion with the fascist courts. He denounced the vile attempt to mystify, suppress and liquidate the just struggle of the February 11th black and white students. "You may be able to put us in chains," he declared, "but you'll never be able to put us down!". Using the gangster logic of bourgeois "law and order", Judge Kenneth MacKay tried to silence Martin by wildly passing "contempt" sentences left and right. He threatened Martin with further "severe punishment" if he did not buckle. "Your punishment will be much more severe when the people try you!" - for this heroic statement Martin was forcibly removed, beaten and brought back into the court in chains. "Down with racism!", "Down with fascism!", "Long Live the Communist Party of Canada(Marxist-Leninist)!", "Long Live the Communist Party of Quebec(Marxist-Leninist)!", "Long Live Chairman Mao!" - Martin thundered his answer to the vicious assaults.

The next day, October 19th, Martin Bracey and Leo Barker, another SGWU student arrested on February 11th, refused to answer the judge's questions and again declared they would not participate in their "trial". They were found in contempt. Martin Bracey, Leo Barker and Gail August refused to rise for the criminal judge and were given further contempt sentences for "being disrespectful to Her Majesty the Queen's court". Martin Bracey was sentenced to two years on 6 contempt citations and Leo Barker and Gail August 60 days each for contempt citations. Sentencing for their "charge" of malicious obstruction of the use of SGWU's private property will be on Friday, October 22nd.

SGWU has become a symbol in North America and the West Indies of racism and of political repression. It is our responsibility to develop right here a vigorous struggle against racism. The fascist attacks of the Montreal courts in an attack on the democratic and political rights of all black people. The lines have been drawn - this stand must be taken. Has there not been recent propaganda to vilify black people by spreading hysterical rumours about black "cop-killers" and "FLQ-Black Panther alliances"? What is all this for? It is a smokescreen to cover up the intensification of racist repression and harassment by the Canadian comprador state machine.

Historical experience teaches us that the fascist attacks as such against Martin Bracey can be defeated if we take the initiative into our own hands, organize our people and deal with the racists and fascists in a tit for tat manner. Martin Bracey's cause is our cause! His fight is our fight! One struggle - one enemy!

In the eyes of a small pack of fascists, to stand for what is right, to fight for the people, to denounce the class "justice" of the US imperialists and their local flunkies is "foreign" and must be viciously suppressed. To stand for racism, genocide, US imperialism and Her Majesty the Queen's "justice" is "all-Canadian" and is generously rewarded. Martin has resolutely taken the first road and this is to his great honour! The SGWU administration, the police, the courts, they have all taken the second road and have pitted themselves against all of struggling mankind.

RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLE OF MARTIN BRACEY, UNJUSTLY SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL FOR TELLING THE TRUTH! RESOLUTELY SUPPORT LEO BARKER AND GAIL AUGUST! DOWN WITH THE RACIST COURTS, POLICE AND SGWU ADMINISTRATION! FOLLOW MARTIN BRACEY'S WAY IN COMBATTING RACISM, FASCISM AND IN FIGHTING FOR OUR PEOPLE!

RALLY - SIR GEORGE STUDENT MOVEMENT AND COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF NATIONAL MINORITY RIGHTS. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 12:30 p.m. - MEZZANINE.
